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Surface Transportation Board
Office of the Secretary
Case Control Unit
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001



Re: Ex Parte No. 582 (Sub-No. 1), Oral Argument

Dear Secretary Williams:

In accordance with the Board's decision served on February 23, 2001 in the captioned proceeding, this is to notify the Board that the Association of American Railroads ("AAR") wishes to participate in the oral argument scheduled for April 5, 2001.

AAR intends to address the following issues: (1) The Board's presumption of harm and requirement of non-remedial market restructuring; (2) merger rules proposals as a platform for reregulatory agendas; and (3) the need for reasonable expedition in rail merger proceedings. AAR requests 20 minutes to present its oral argument. The undersigned will present the argument on behalf of AAR.

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Sincerely,

Samuel M. Sipe, Jr.
Counsel for the Association
of American Railroads

cc: All Parties of Record